CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for creating an anonymous voice connection over a circuit switched network between a first party and a second party, comprising the steps of:

a) establishing a first telephone call to an anonymous voice system for the first party;

b) establishing a second telephone call to an anonymous voice system for the second party;

c) entering a first matchcode by the first party;

d) entering a second matchcode by the second party;

e) comparing said first matchcode with said second matchcode; and,

f) connecting said first telephone call with said second telephone call if said first matchcode matches said second matchcode.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of storing said matchcode, a telephone number that corresponds to the first party and a second telephone number that corresponds to the second party in a memory device.

3. The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising the steps of establishing a third telephone call by the first party, entering said matchcode, establishing a fourth telephone call with the second party and connecting said third telephone call with said fourth telephone call.

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4. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of sending a disconnect message to a billing program when said first telephone call is disconnected from said second telephone call.

5. The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising the step of recording a message from the first party and playing it to the second party on request.

6. The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising the step of deleting said storage of said matchcode, said first automatic number identification and said second automatic number identification.

7. A method for creating an anonymous voice connection over a circuit switched network between a first party and a second party using with an on-line data service to initiate the connection, comprising the steps of:

a) establishing an electronic communication between the first party and the second party through the on-line data service between a first party and a second party;

b) requesting an anonymous voice communication through the on-line service;

c) transmitting a message from the online data service to the anonymous voice system requesting an anonymous voice connection between said first party and said second party

c) establishing a first telephone call for the first party;

d) establishing a second telephone call for the second party; and,

e) connecting said first telephone call with said second telephone call.

8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said telephone calls are established by dialing a telephone station of each party from an anonymous voice system.

9. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said telephone calls are established by each party dialing an anonymous voice system.

10. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said anonymous voice communication is requested by selecting a specific anonymous voice communication input provided by a graphical user interface.

11. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising the step of providing the parties with a matchcode, entering matchcodes, comparing said entered matchcodes, and connecting the parties if said matchcodes match.

12. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising the steps of storing said matchcode, a first telephone number that corresponds to the first party and a second telephone number that corresponds to the second party.

13. The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising the steps of establishing a third telephone call by the first party, entering said matchcode, establishing a fourth telephone call with the second party and connecting said third telephone call with said fourth telephone call.

14. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising the steps of sending a disconnect message to said online data service when said first telephone call is disconnected from said second telephone call.

15. The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising the step of recording a message from the first party and playing it to the second party on request.

16. The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising the step of deleting said storage of said matchcode, said first telephone number and said second telephone number.

17. A system that establishes an anonymous voice connection over a circuit switched network between a first party and a second party that are both coupled to said circuit switched network, comprising:

an anonymous voice system connected to said circuit switched network, said anonymous voice system receives a first telephone call from the first party and a second telephone call from the second party, said anonymous voice system further receives a matchcode from each party and connects said first telephone call with said second telephone call when said matchcodes match.

18. The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a switch that connects said first telephone call and said second telephone call.

19. The system as recited in claim 18, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a microprocessor and a memory device which store said entered matchcodes, a first telephone

number that corresponds to the first party and a second telephone number that corresponds to the second party.

20. The system as recited in claim 19, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a voice processor which generates audio messages that are provided to the parties.

21. The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said anonymous voice system includes an interface to an on-line data service.

22. The system as recited in claim 21, wherein said anonymous voice system generates a disconnect message for the online data service when said first telephone call is disconnected from said second telephone call.

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23. A system for establishing an anonymous voice connection over a circuit switched network between a first party and a second party that are both coupled to said circuit switched network, each party also having a data terminal, comprising:

an on-line data service that is coupled to the data terminals of each party, said on-line data service generates a connect command in response to an anonymous voice input provided by a party through the data terminal; and,

an anonymous voice system connected to said circuit switched network and said on-line data service, said anonymous voice system receives said connect command and connects a first telephone call of the first party with a second telephone call of the second party.

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~~24~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said anonymous voice system dials a telephone station of each party.

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~~25~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said connect command includes a matchcode and said anonymous voice system connects said first and second telephone calls when the parties enter matching matchcodes.

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~~26~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said anonymous voice system generates a disconnect command when said first telephone call is disconnected from said second telephone call.

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~~27~~. The system as recited in claim ~~26~~, wherein said disconnect command is sent to said on-line data service.

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~~28~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said anonymous voice input is provided by a graphical user interface of the data terminal.

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~~29~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said on-line data service is coupled to the data terminals through a packet switched network.

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~~30~~. The system as recited in claim ~~23~~, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a switch that connects said first telephone call and said second telephone call.

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~~31~~. The system as recited in claim ~~30~~, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a microprocessor and a memory device which store said entered matchcodes, a first telephone number that corresponds to the first party and a second telephone number that corresponds to the second party.

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~~32~~. The system as recited in claim ~~31~~, wherein said anonymous voice system includes a voice processor which generates audio messages that are provided to the parties.